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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

1. Newly submitted claims 56-76 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claims 56-76 are directed towards a biller integration system, including a translator to convert billing data from a biller's existing billing system to a particular format, a statement designer to create a statement template for visually presenting the billing information, a gateway to facilitate transfer of the statement template and the billing data to a billing service center. Whereas claims 43-55 are not concerned with either a translator to convert billing data from a biller's existing billing system to a particular format, a statement designer to create a statement template for visually presenting the billing information, or a gateway to facilitate transfer. Rather, claims 43-55 are directed towards parcel components particularized to contain a particular type of data and a bulletin used to hold status information regarding transfer of the parcel components.
2. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 56-76 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

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3. The amendment filed on filed December 13, 2005, canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03), since there are no claims to examine.

### ***Conclusion***

4. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andre Boyce whose telephone number is (571) 272-6726. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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